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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of a Nonprovisional Application ("Notice") dated April 16, 2001 in the above referenced application. Applicant was given a two month period to respond to the Notice, making a Response due on or by June 16, 2001. This response is accompanied by a petition for a five month extension of time to extend the period to respond to the Office Action to November 16, 2001, and the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17. Accordingly this response is timely filed. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 5, at line 16 directly below the section entitled "Brief Description of the Drawings", please insert the following paragraph:

--The file of this patent contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Patent and Trademark Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee.--

Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment is accompanied by a paper copy of the Sequence Listing (Exhibit A), a computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing (Exhibit B), and a

Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1821(f) (Exhibit C). Please enter the Sequence Listing (Exhibit A) into the specification of the above-referenced application.

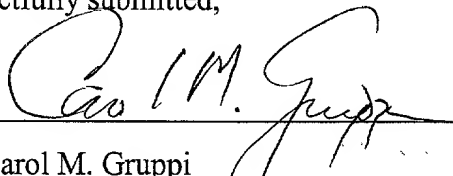
The amendment to the specification to add the sequence listing is being made to comply with the requirements for Sequence Listing Rules under 37 C.F. R. § 1.821-§ 1.825. The amendment to the specification at page 5, line 16 is being made to comply with the requirements the Petition for Color Photographs. Thus, no new matter is added by these amendments.

In response to the Notice, also filed concurrently herewith, is a copy of an executed Declaration, formal drawings, a Petition for Color Photographs (37 CFR 1.84), formal drawings and a copy of the Notice itself.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1189. Docket No.: 21327-701CON2. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

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